

STATE OF MINNESOTA
OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS
FOR THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Application for a
Route Permit for the Monticello to St.
Cloud 345 kV Transmission Line Project

SECOND PREHEARING ORDER

A prehearing conference was held by telephone before Beverly Jones Heydinger, Administrative Law Judge, on January 29, 2010.

Appearances:

Lisa M. Agrimonti, Briggs and Morgan, P.A., appeared on behalf of Northern States Power Company and Great River Energy (Applicants). Laureen Ross McCalib, Great River Energy, and Darrin F. Lahr, Xcel Energy, were also present.

Karen Finstad Hammel, Assistant Attorney General, appeared on behalf of the Department of Commerce, Office of Energy Security, Energy Facility Permitting Staff (Department).

David Birkholz, Project Manager, and Deb Pile, Public Advisor, Department of Commerce, Office of Energy Security, Energy Facility Permitting, were present.

Commission staff member, Bret Eknes was present.

Discussion was held among the participants concerning the proposed schedule. No parties have intervened in this proceeding. The Administrative Law Judge makes the following Order.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

1. The schedule is revised as follows:

Direct Testimony,	February 1, 2010
Comments from OES	February 17, 2010
Supplemental Testimony	February 26, 2010
List of Proposed Exhibits and	
Witnesses	March 1, 2010

The Witness List shall state the order in which the party's witnesses are expected to testify.

2. A combined public hearing and evidentiary hearing will be held on **March 8, 2010**, at 2:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m., at the Clearwater Township Hall, Clearwater, Minnesota, and the evidentiary hearing will continue on March 9-12, 2010, at the Public Utilities Commission, 350 Metro Square Building, 121 Seventh Place East, Saint Paul, Minnesota, as necessary to complete the hearing.

3. Public Comments may also be submitted in writing to the Administrative Law Judge and must be received by 4:30 p.m. on **March 19, 2010**.

4. The parties shall file their post-hearing briefs on **April 2, 2010**, and responsive briefs on **April 16, 2010**.

5. Except as expressly amended by this Order, the Amended Prehearing Order issued on September 30, 2009, remains in effect.

Dated this 29th day of January, 2010.

s/Beverly Jones Heydinger
BEVERLY JONES HEYDINGER
Administrative Law Judge